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CAMEROON TRIBUNE ON TUESDAY IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "LE FLIRT" LINKED CHANGES IN BOKASSA'S GOVERNMENT RECENTLY TO HIS STATE VISIT TO TRIPOLI, AND SEES SIGNS OF "UNPRECEDENTED" GROWING TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. LAST SATURDAY THE CENTRAL AFRICAN VICE PRIME MINISTER FRANCOIS GON WAS RECEIVED BY KHADAFI, AND YESTERDAY AMBASSADOR MARCEL ADOPIA PRESENTED HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE, ONLY THREE WEEKS AFTER ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IS IT AN ACCIDENT, ASKED THE TRIBUNE THAT PRESIDENT BOKASSA DISSOLVED HIS GOVERNMENT AND CREATED A COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION, MODELED AFTER LIBYA'S, JUST AFTER HIS VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY? AND THAT HE DID THIS WHILE THROWING SOPS TO THE 'YOUNG TURKS'? THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY OPTION ALSO EXPLAINS THE REHABILITATION OF FACKO. "ONE DOESN'T KNOW," CONCLUDES THE TRIBUNE, "THE CONTENTS OR THE NATURE OF THE ACCORDS SIGNED BETWEEN TRIPOLI AND BANGUI. BUT ONE CAN SUPPOSE THAT IN ADDITION TO ECONOMIC CONVENTIONS, THERE WERE SURELY CULTURAL ACCORDS, INCLUDING 'IDEOLOGICAL' COOPERATION." MITHOEFER

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